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Gary,

Here's the update for this week. Next week we will finish Tank 2 and clean out Tank 10.

August 15, 2011

Monday--7 hrs on vacuum truck (incl. mob / demob)-- Partially removed manway from tank 2 to access tank with vacuum hose. Work started with 2 feet of product in tank. Removed 4 loads (280 bbls) from tank 2 and put the emulsion into tank 26.

August 16, 2011

Tuesday--11 hrs on vacuum truck--Removed 2 loads from tank 2 and stopped pending further instructions on the possible use of tank 2 as a holding / mixing tank for consolidation. Removed two loads of water / emulsion from tank 27 (removed manway from 27 and consistency of sludge had changed from sludge / solids to liquid sludge. The two loads (140 bbls) went to tank 26. Approximately 8" of material remained in Tank 2 at the end of the day. A sample from Tank 27 was collected and delivered to US Ecology late in the afternoon.

August 17, 2011

Wednesday—Approximately 6" of material remain in this tank as of mid-morning. Removed 1 load from tank 2, then removed manway to enter the tank to start pushing product into the vacuum hose. Removed 3 loads total from the tank (210 bbls). Had to rent and set a booster pump, due to thick product, to pump into tank 26 to overcome the head pressure. One day on high pressure pump.

August 18, 2011

Thursday-- Tank is approximately 25% clean with 4" of material on the remaining portion of the tank. 11 hours on vacuum truck on cleaning tank 2. Had a full crew on tank 2 removing product. Product went to tank 26. High pressure pump one day. A verbal report was received from US Ecology that paraffin will not be an issue with Tank 27 materials. The contents would be acceptable for thermal destruction.

August 19, 2011

Friday--11 hours on vacuum truck cleaning tank 2. Had full crew on tank 2 removing product / pressure washing the tank bottom and up to the 1st ring (8' above ground surface). Product went to tank 26. High pressure pump one day.

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